# GET STARTED ON THE RIGHT TRACK

A GUIDE TO ACADEMIC ADVISING AND REGISTRATION







### WELCOME TO CAL STATE MONTEREY BAY!

Whether you are a first-year student or an undergraduate student transferring into our university, we are pleased to have you as part of our CSUMB community. The university's Academic & Career Advising Center is a central element of the educational experience of its undergraduate students. Advising is a collaborative relationship between the advisor and student, sharing responsibilities to help each student create an educational plan consistent with his or her academic, career and personal goals.



### FIND YOUR ADVISOR

Once you get settled in, we encourage you to call us at 831-582-3937 or email us at academic\_advisor@csumb.edu to schedule an appointment to meet with your advisor and make sure you understand what is required of you to be successful.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING MISSION STATEMENT

We provide quality advising services to students during their freshman and sophomore semesters. Advising will also assist upper division students when departmental advising is not available. The purpose of the center is to help students become knowledgeable of campus resources and to become self-reliant navigators of their academic and career goals.

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### ADVISING INFORMATION OVERVIEW

### MAKE THE RIGHT CONNECTIONS

We are here to help you explore and create an academic plan that is right for you!

### Career Advisors

Help you narrow down your choices of interest, clarify your values, and determine life goals. Once you've declared a major, we will prepare you for your professional career through resume and interview workshops and connect you with employment recruiters who participate in our career fairs.

### Academic Advisors

Help you put together an educational plan that is right for you and support you through your academic journey each step of the way!

Academic advisors can help you with the following:

- Guidance through the general education (GE) requirements
- Selection of appropriate courses
- Understanding of CSUMB academic requirements
- Monitor your academic progress to ensure completion of requirements
- Information about declaring and changing majors
- Serve as a resource to other campus support services, where appropriate

## **Faculty Mentors**

Provide valuable connections between learning in the major to graduate schools and beyond. They can provide information on research and discipline-focused pursuits, and help you apply theoretical learning to the world of work.

### **Advisor Contact List**

Where to go for advising if you have declared your major: csumb.edu/advising > Contact > Contact Your Major Advisor



### STUDENT EMAIL NOTIFICATION POLICY

Electronic mail is the primary and official means of communication from California State University, Monterey Bay to students. Once a student receives a CSUMB email account, official communication from the university shall be directed to that account.

### Email is CSUMB's Official Communication

Official communication contains information in order to conduct business with CSU Monterey Bay and for which every student will be held accountable. Students are expected to read communications in a timely fashion because communications often are time-sensitive.

Examples of official communication can include, but are not limited to:



- Academic Advising and Registration Alerts
- Career Development events
- Student records (including Admissions/Financial Aid/Advising/Registrar)
- Academic program/completion of degree sought
- Dean and faculty communication to students
- Financial information (including balance due, payment deadline reminders)

All use of email will be consistent with local, state, and federal law, as well as other university policies, including the Acceptable Use of Computing and Technology Resources Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Student email accounts shall remain active so long as the student is enrolled at CSU Monterey Bay or is on an approved leave of absence.

For more information about CSUMB's Student Email Notification Policy go to: csumb.edu/senp

If you need clarification or have questions about this policy, please contact the Campus Service Center.



"I have been working in the Acadamic and Career Advising office since I was a freshman and if it weren't for them, I would be lost."

- Ryan Mack, Class of 2014, Business Administration

## **ADVISING INFORMATION OVERVIEW**

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

## Academic Advising Definition

Academic advising is a shared responsibility between students and professional staff advisors. As a CSUMB student, you are encouraged to adopt an active role in making decisions about your academic plan. CSUMB advisors can provide academic resources and tools to help with degree planning and to clarify policies and graduation requirements. However, you are ultimately responsible for your academic plan and success. It is critical that you review the catalog and understand all degree requirements for your major program.

WHERE TO FIND US: The Academic & Career Advising Center is located on the

third floor of the Tanimura & Antle Family Memorial Library.

**PHONE:** Academic Advising: 831-582-3937

Career Advising: 831-582-3845

EMAIL: academic advisor@csumb.edu

career\_development@csumb.edu

WEBSITE: csumb.edu/advising

csumb.edu/career

ADVISING OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 12 P.M., 1 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

**DROP-IN:** Wednesday: 8:30 A.M. to 12 P.M., 1 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

**REQUIRED MATERIAL:** University Catalog (csumb.edu/catalog)

Academic Advising Guide

**MyCSUMB** 

Course Pathways

Academic Requirements Sheet

## What you are expected to do – Advisee Responsibilities

- Read and review the catalog to understand university policies and graduation requirements ask for clarification when needed
- Meet with an academic advisor as often as necessary to stay on track
- Make appointments in person, by phone or email
- If you cannot make a scheduled appointment, call to change or cancel an appointment
- Come to advising sessions prepared
- Bring all academic records such as academic requirements worksheet or unofficial transcripts if applicable, to your advising sessions
- Make decisions about academic, career and personal goals, and be responsible for them
- Ask about and use services available
- Inform advisor about academic progress and be open about study habits

## What you can expect – Advisor Responsibilities

- Maintain confidentiality according to established standards (FERPA)
- Provide a respectful and supportive environment for you
- Help you clarify life and career goals
- Assist you in developing meaningful educational plans
- Communicate the graduation requirements and university policies and procedures
- Monitor, track and guide you toward satisfactory academic progress
- Refer you to appropriate campus resources and support services
- Listen and suggest options to your questions and concerns
- Encourage you to meet your personal, academic and career goals

### **Expected Student Learning Outcomes**

During your advising experience at CSUMB, students will:

- Know where to go to be advised
- Understand the general education and academic requirements of their major
- Develop an educational plan reflecting their values, interests and abilities
- Be aware of and use the catalog and course pathways
- Gather information to make effective decisions concerning academic and career goals
- Use campus resources and services on campus to maximize student success

As you begin your academic journey, you will be encouraged to develop an Academic & Career Advising portfolio of your advising work. You and your advisor will create a folder that contains advising worksheets, including your academic requirement worksheets, educational plan and semester schedules.

The professional staff advisors in the CSUMB Academic & Career Advising Center will provide academic guidance to help you achieve your personal, academic and career goals. But remember, you are ultimately responsible for satisfactorily completing all degree requirements. Please verify that you understand what is expected of you for advising:

PRINT NAME:	DATE:
STUDENT SIGNATURE:	
ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE:	

## **CSUMB ACADEMIC ADVISING SYLLABUS**

### HELPFUL PLANNING TIMELINE

### Beginning of the Semester (Weeks 1-9)

- Learn to access your CSUMB email account and familiarize yourself with the csumb.edu website.
- Check your CSUMB email for important advising dates, deadlines, events and activities.
- Utilize CSUMB's online FOCUS career assessment to clarify what your interests are, explore potential areas of study and learn more about yourself!
- Make an appointment to meet with an academic advisor to discuss your personal and career goals (use the Advising Meeting Checklist)
- Learn to access course pathways and the university catalog at csumb.edu/catalog. It will be your responsibility to know what courses are approved and what courses you need to graduate.
- Need help? Tutors are available for assistance. Seek help with the Academic Skills Achievement Center
- (ASAP).
- Make an appointment with your academic advisor to prepare for next semester's registration. Your advisor will review your plans and give you updated information about workshops, advising activities and events.
- Use your course pathway to guide you through your academic plans.

### Month Before Semester Ends (Weeks 10-13)

- Register for next semester on scheduled advising and registration dates.
- Attend advising workshops and presentations to make sure you are staying on track.
- Study and prepare for final exams by seeking help in ASAP, the Center for Student Success or tutoring.

FRESHMAN YEAR	SOPHOMORE YEAR	JUNIOR YEAR	SENIOR YEAR
Develop a strong relationship with your academic advisor		to be self-navigating erstanding of your goals	Develop a strong relationship with your faculty mentor

## YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISING MEETING CHECKLIST

My Academic Advisor is:	FALL	SPRING
CALL FOR YOUR INTRODUCTORY VISIT WITH YOUR ADVISOR (WEEKS 1-4)  Meet & Greet Appointment (15-20 mins)  Review Student Data Form/Student Self-Inventory  Advising Tool: Review Advising Guidebook – sign contract  Initial discussion of academic goals and plans	Advisor's Initials	Advisor's Initials
<ul> <li>MID-TERM REVIEW MEETINGS (WEEKS 5-9)</li> <li>Review Midterm Progress (20-30 mins)</li> <li>If students are performing poorly, discuss policies on undergraduate academic probation and academic disqualification; add/drop, withdrawal and repeat (Refer to Center for Student Success)</li> <li>Refer students appropriately to campus resources and student support services e.g. ASAP, PGCC, etc.</li> <li>Schedule next advising appointment</li> </ul>	Advisor's Initials	Advisor's Initials
<ul> <li>FALL &amp; SPRING ACADEMIC PLANNING SESSIONS (WEEKS 10-13)</li> <li>Pre-Registration Advising Appointment (45-60 mins)</li> <li>Review Advising Tools: Advising Handbook</li> <li>Discuss academic process to date</li> <li>Show students how to access and monitor their Academic Requirements Report</li> <li>Review Academic Requirements Report for accuracy of information</li> <li>Create/update two-year plans</li> <li>Review CSUMB matriculation policy; Add/Drop, Withdrawal &amp; Repeat</li> <li>Discuss any relevant academic and career related issues</li> <li>Refer students appropriately to campus resources and student support services e.g. ASAP, CSS, PGCC, etc.</li> <li>Schedule next advising appointment</li> </ul>	Advisor's Initials	Advisor's Initials
<ul> <li>OTHER ADVISING MEETINGS (30-60 MINS)</li> <li>Academic probation/disqualification (30-45 mins)</li> <li>Transfer (30 mins)</li> <li>Two-year plan workshop (60 mins)</li> <li>Academic Requirements Report check (30 mins)</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	Advisor's Initials	Advisor's Initials

## **CSUMB ACADEMIC ADVISING SYLLABUS**

## YOUR FOUR-YEAR CAREER DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST

Get started on tomorrow...today!

FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR		SENIOR
Take the FOCUS assessment: career.csumb.edu/focus		Become an active leader in a student organizations and in the classroom	Do an internship, part-time job or project related to your field		Join a professional organization, set-up a LinkedIn profile
Study and discuss major options, make an initial selection		Research qualifications needed for target careers, narrow down choices	Develop your network: classmates, family, friends, faculty, alumni, employers		Hone your resume, interviewing and job-search skills
Write your first resume and bring it in for a critique		Conduct interviews with successful working people	"Professionalize" your online profile, voicemail, email, and wardrobe		Successfully interview and land a job!
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"Without Academic and Career Advising, I wouldn't have graduated on time or found my passion for anthropology."

- Morgan Sommers, Class of 2012, Social and Behavioral Science



## YOUR COLLEGE ROAD MAP TO SUCCESS AT CSUMB

	FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR +
PERSONAL	<ol> <li>Attend the club fair beginning of fall and spring semesters.</li> <li>Start skill development by joining at least one student organization, club or activity.</li> <li>Associated Students' committees</li> <li>Clubs, Greek life or peer mentoring opportunities</li> <li>While adjusting to your new environment, assess your study skills and time management habits. Improve them if they need work. Attend the CSS sponsored workshops!</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Interested in studying abroad? Think about it and apply this year to study abroad your junior year!</li> <li>Looking to work on campus? Create a profile and check out OtterJobs!</li> <li>Join major-related student organizations and actively develop your leadership skills.</li> <li>Learn some self-care techniques. Attend workshops by the PGCC and CSS.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>France? Argentina?         London? Study abroad this year!</li> <li>Join campus and community organizations to develop and build your teamwork and leadership skills. Seek a leadership role in a major-related campus organization.</li> <li>Continue broadening your horizons. Attend events that will expose you to new ideas and cultures. A good place to start would be with visiting the Otter Cross Cultural Center.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Attend "making the leap" workshop by the PGCC.</li> <li>Continue developing your leadership and extracurricular activities both on and off campus.</li> <li>Develop your financial literacy such as budgeting, understanding retirement savings and a plan to pay back debt (if you have it).</li> </ol>
ACADEMICS	<ol> <li>Get to know your academ meeting to create or reviews.</li> <li>Develop and maintain as some and a major fair in the some a major fair in the some and a major fair in the som</li></ol>	ew your education plan.  colid GPA.  fall semester.  ew to read your academic rese pathways and catalog.  cation requirements and es outside your major.	<ol> <li>Attend the graduate school forum and other graduate school preparation activities.</li> <li>Start developing relationships with your instructors. Find a faculty mentor!</li> <li>Establish working relationships with faculty, staff and administrators who will later serve as references for you; develop strong relations with faculty in your major.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>File for graduation the semester prior to graduating.</li> <li>Try to make your capstone relevant to graduate school interest or career.</li> <li>Ask your professors, past and/or current employers to serve as references or write recommendations for you.</li> <li>If thinking about graduate school, compile information on schools and requirements during the summer.</li> </ol>

# UNDERSTANDING CSUMB'S MAJOR AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS WORKSHEET

All grades must be a C or better.

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A2	Oral & Written	Commu	nication,								
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B1	Physical Scien	ce									
B2	Life Science										
В3	Laboratory Pra	ctice									
B4	Mathematics										
C1	Arts										
C2	Humanities										
C3	World Languag	ges & Cu	Itures								
D1	Social Science	!									
D2	US Histories &	Democ	ratic								
DZ	Participation										
D3	Lower Division	Service	Learning								
E	Health & Well	Being									
				UPPER	R-DIVISIO	N COURSEWOR	K				
A4	GWAR (Take ju	ınior yea	ır)								
D4	Upper Division	Service	Learning								
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ADV	ISOR'S NAME:								PLEASE IN		

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CATALOG YEAR:

MAJOR:

ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE:

### WHAT DO I TAKE MY FIRST SEMESTER AT CSUMB?

It is first of all important to address general education requirements when answering this question. There are 48 GE units required. Nine of the 48 GE units must be upper division (courses numbered 300-499) and must be earned after you have reached junior standing (60 units or more). Upper-division GE courses taken when you are a freshman or sophomore do not count toward this unit requirement.

### Entering as a Freshman

Students who need remediation should take:

- FYS
- Appropriate remediation courses
- GE course, if possible
- Foreign Language course, if possible

Students who do not need remediation should take:

- FYS
- A1 (Written communication course)
- Foreign Language course (or) B4 (Math), (or) another GE course

## Entering as a Transfer Student

If you transfer from a community college or another university, specific requirements depend on your status when you enter CSUMB.

## Transfer students with fully certified GE Breadth Requirements

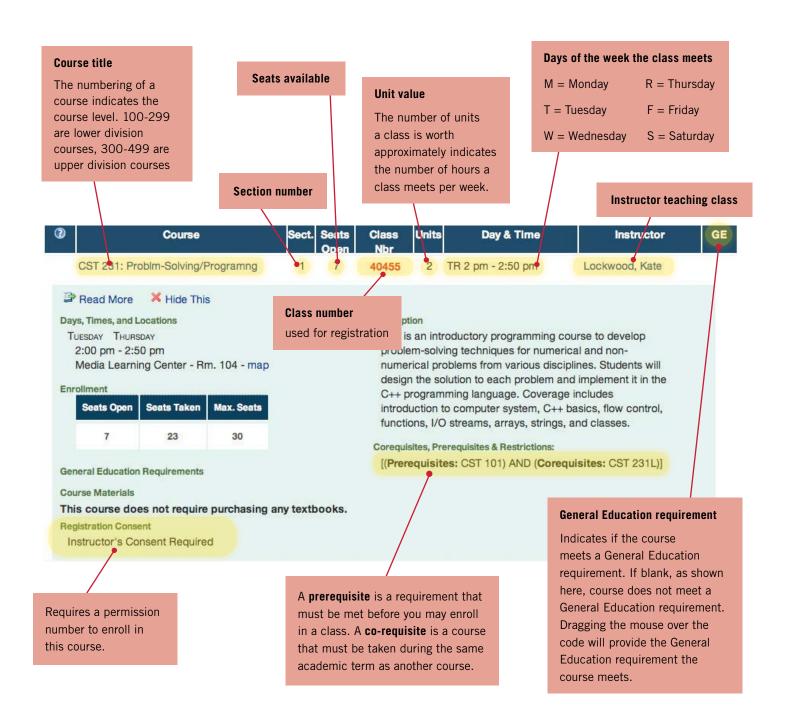
If you transfer from another California institution with fully certified GE Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), you automatically satisfy Lower Division GE Requirements. You still need to satisfy the CSUMB Language Proficiency Requirement, the nine units of Upper Division GE inclusive of upper division Service Learning (D4) and GWAR (A4), all major requirements and the minimum semester credit requirements.

## Transfer students without fully certified GE Breadth Requirements

If you enter CSUMB without having fully certified all GE Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), you must complete all unmet GE Breadth Requirements including American Institutions through the corresponding CSUMB GE courses, with no less than nine semester credits at the upper-division level inclusive of upper division Service Learning (D4) and GWAR (A4). You must also fulfill the CSUMB Language Proficiency Requirement.

### HOW TO READ THE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

To reach the schedule of classes go to **csumb.edu/schedule**. Below is a sample of how a course looks in the schedule of classes.



### REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

### To register for this semester, complete the following steps

- Select classes for this semester and record the Class Registration Numbers (CRN). Most students take an average of four classes, which are 15 or 16 units per semester. In order to be a fulltime student you must take at least 12 units.
- Permission numbers are required for some courses. If you are eligible to take the class, a representative from the course department will issue you a permission number for the specific section in which you are trying to enroll.

### **Record Course Information**

COURSE NUMBER & TITLE	CRN#	UNITS	DAYS & TIMES	PERMISSION #

### Record Alternate Courses

COURSE NUMBER & TITLE	CRN#	UNITS	DAYS & TIMES	PERMISSION #

## Important Guidelines

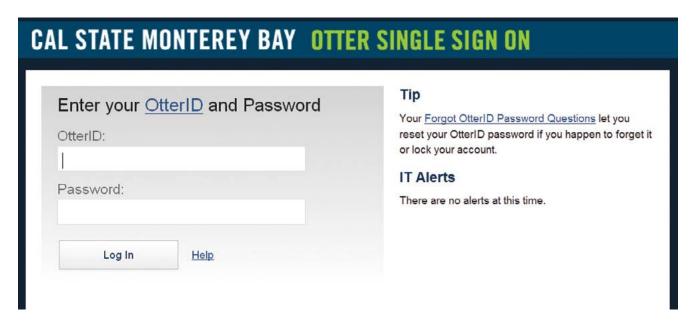
- Use your major pathway at **csumb.edu/academics** or, if you are undeclared, go to the GE website at **csumb.edu/ge**. These two websites will link you to lists of approved courses for each GE.
- Each class at CSUMB is 1 semester long (semesters last about 16 weeks).
- The majority of classes are 3 to 4 units.
- Courses numbered 100-299 are lower division, 300-499 are upper division.
- Class standing is defined as follows:
  - Freshman = 1 29 units
  - Sophomore = 30 59 units
  - Junior = 60 89 units
  - Senior = 90 120 units
- Students should not take 300 level (upper division) courses until junior standing.
- You must earn 9 upper division General Education units after you have reached junior standing.
- Upper-division GE courses taken when you are a freshman or sophomore student do NOT count toward the upper-division GE unit requirement.
- It is recommended that students take no more than 16 units per semester.

### REGISTRATION STEP BY STEP

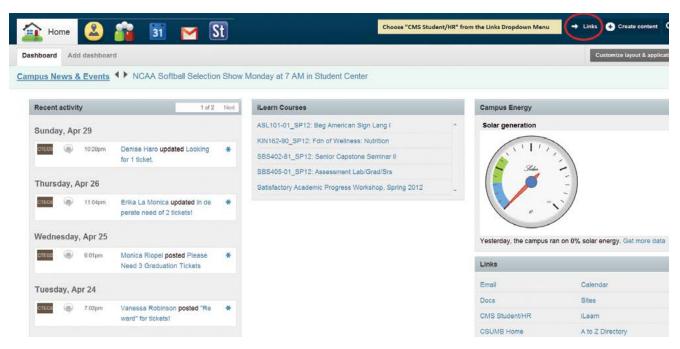
AFTER YOU'VE MET WITH AN ADVISOR AND ARE CONFIDENT IN YOUR CLASS CHOICES, FOLLOW THE STEPS SHOWN HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE.



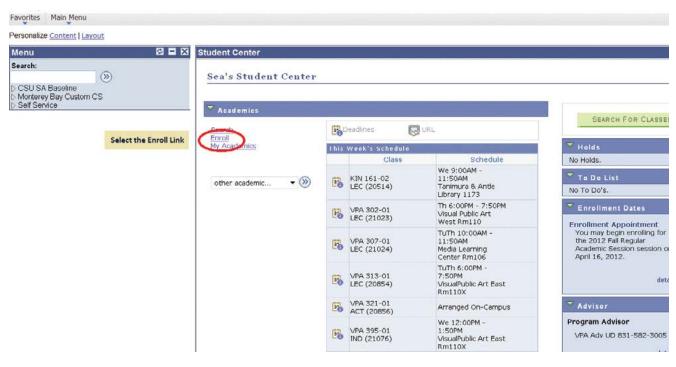
Login to your MyCSUMB (**my.csumb.edu**) account by entering your Otter ID and password.



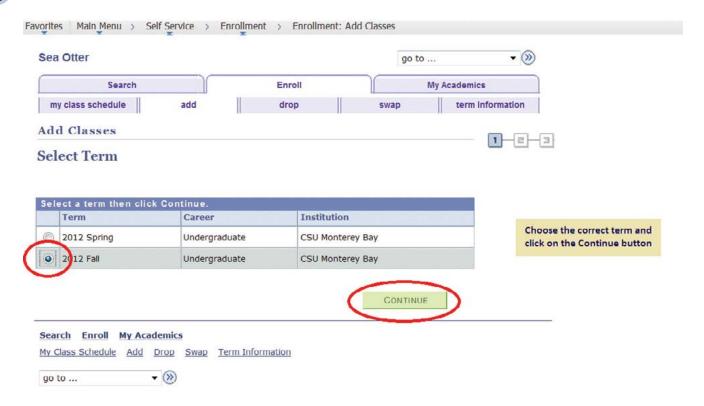
2 Choose CSUMB Student/HR from the Links dropdown menu.



3 Select Enroll.



4 Choose the correct term and click Continue.

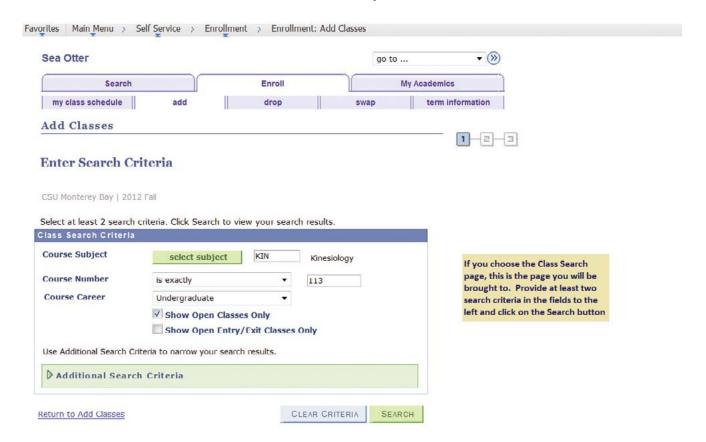


## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Enter the 5 digit Class Number from the web schedule (csumb.edu/schedule) or perform a Class Search.

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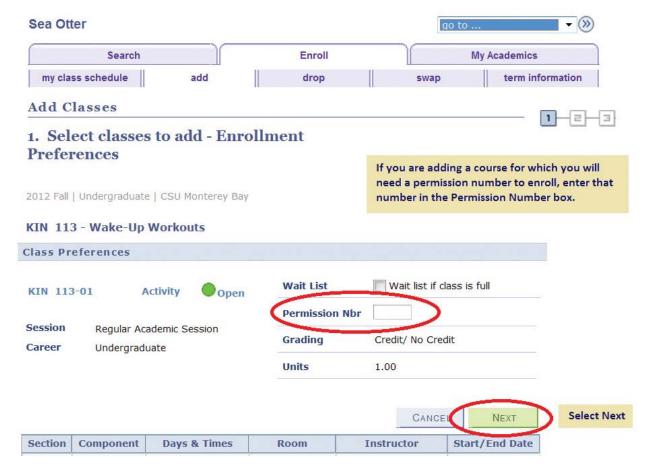


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## Choose a course in the Class Search page.

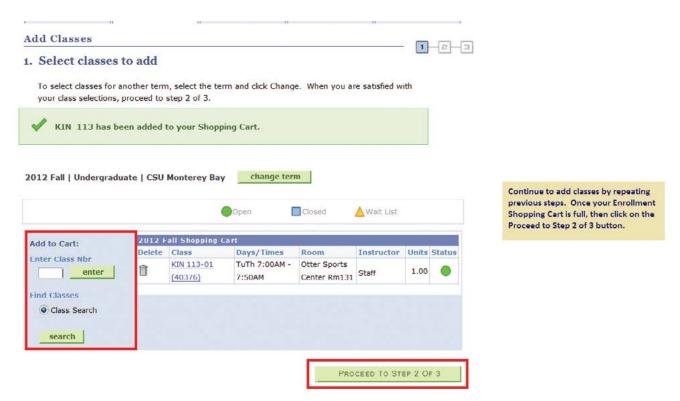


8 Enter a Permission Number if needed. If not, select Next to move to the next screen.

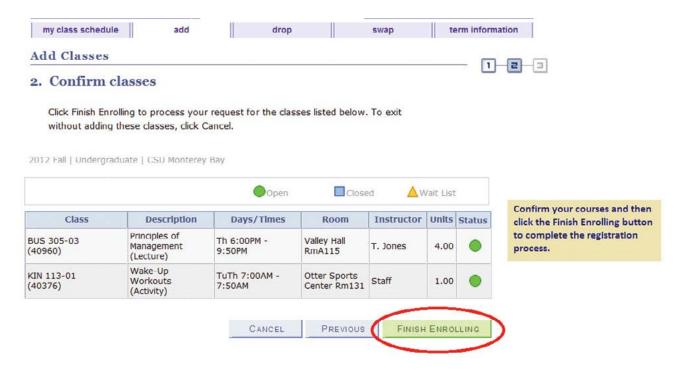


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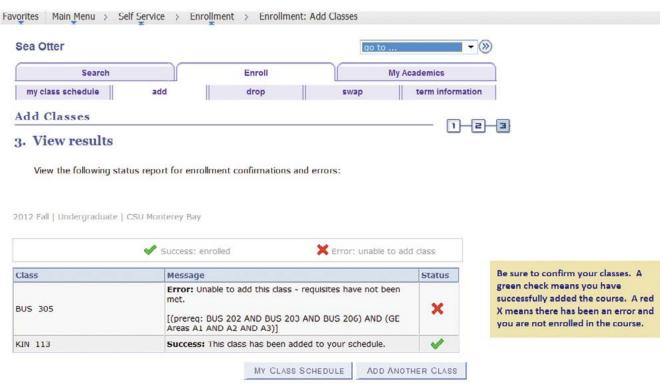
9 Fill your Enrollment Shopping Cart by repeating previous steps and then click on the Proceed to Step 2 of 3 button to finish enrolling.



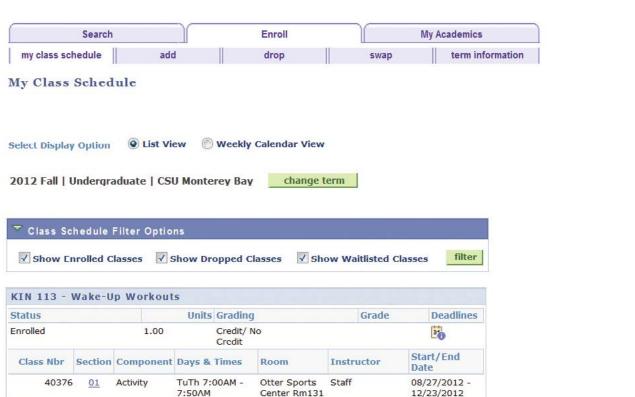
Confirm your courses and then click the Finish Enrolling button to complete the process.



## 11 Check your results.



## Review your Final Class Schedule.



### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

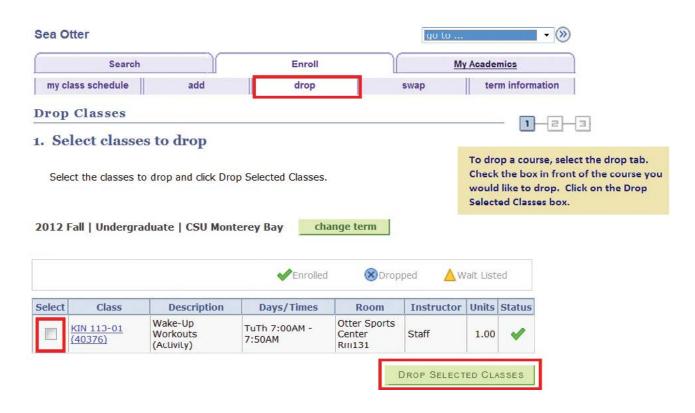
### **DROPPING A COURSE**

The drop period usually extends through the first two weeks of the semester and can be done online in your CMS Student Center. It is essential that you always check the online registration deadlines calendar every semester. The responsibility for adding and dropping any class rests solely with the student.

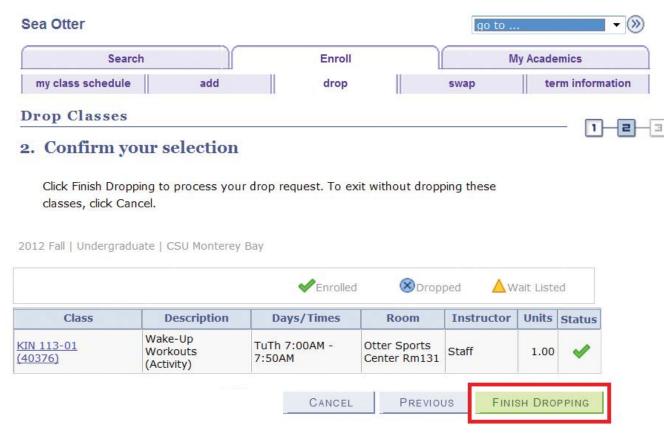
After the add/drop deadline, a drop is considered a withdrawal and is permissible only for serious and compelling reasons and signature approval is required. You will need to make sure that you obtain approval signatures from your instructor and dean before submitting Class Withdrawal form to the Campus Service Center. An approved withdrawal will show up as a "W" on your academic record. Withdrawals are limited to 18 units during the course of your academic career.



Select the Drop tab, check the box in front of the course you would like to drop and click on the Drop Selected Classes button.



## 2 Click Finish Dropping.



3 Check your drop results.



View the results of your enrollment request. Click Fix Errors to make changes to your request.

## IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS AND ACADEMIC POLICIES TO KNOW BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO DROP A CLASS

You may decide to drop a class upon realistic assessment of your ability to do well. For instance, have you checked prerequisites for the course and have you met them?

What are some of the possible consequences of dropping courses that result in less than full-time status (12 units)?

- 1. Longer time to graduate. Graduation requires a minimum of 120 earned units, which means taking 15 units per semester will make it more likely to graduate in 8 semesters.
- 2. Completing fewer credits in an academic semester/year can affect financial aid. Contact a financial aid counselor for additional information.
- 3. Dropping below 12 units can affect health and/or auto insurance coverage.

## Withdrawal Policy

The drop period usually extends through the first two weeks of the semester and can be done through your online CMS account. It is essential that you always check the online registration deadlines calendar every semester. The responsibility for adding and dropping any class rests solely with the student.

After the second week of instruction a drop is considered a withdrawal and is permissible only for serious and compelling reasons and signature approval is required. You will need to make sure you obtain approval signatures from your instructor and dean before turning in your petition to the Campus Service Center. An approved withdrawal will show up as a "W" on your transcript. Withdrawals are limited to 18 units during the course of your academic career.

## Repeat Policy

Only courses repeated at CSUMB may be used to adjust the GPA. Grades earned in courses taken at other institutions may not be used to replace grades in CSUMB courses. Undergraduates may repeat an attempted course one time. An undergraduate student may petition to take a course a third time only with a course repeat petition. No course may be repeated more than two times (three total attempts). No course in which the grade assigned was the result of a finding of academic dishonesty may be repeated.

☐ My advisor explained the policies to me.	DATE:
ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE:	
MY SIGNATURE:	

## HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

To compute your GPA, multiply the number of attempted units by the grade point value for each course, add the grade points, and divide by the total number of attempted units. Using the chart below, estimate your own GPA for this semester.

- List the course number and title of each class you're taking in the first column.
- List the estimated grade for each class in the second column.
- Find the point value for each grade in the Grading Policy Chart below and write the value in the third column.
- List the number of units for each class in the fourth column.
- Multiply the point value by the number of units and enter the result in the last column.
- Do not list courses with CR, NC, I or W, or remediation courses.
- Total the number of grade points and units and enter those sums in their corresponding box.

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE	GRADE	POINT VALUE	X	UNITS	=	GPA POINTS
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(total GPA points) ÷	(total units) =	(Semester GPA)

GRADING POLICY CHART					
Letter Grade	Grade Points	Letter Grade	Grade Points		
Α	4.0	С	2.0		
A-	3.7	C-	1.7		
B+	3.3	D+	1.3		
В	3.0	D	1.0		
B-	2.7	D-	.07		
C+	2.3	F	.00		

The following letters or abbreviations on transcripts have no point value:

I (Incomplete), CR (credit), NC (no credit earned), W (Withdrawal), IC (0 grade points = fail), WU (0 grade points = fail)

Use the same method of calculating your cumulative GPA once you've completed more than one semester.

### **GLOSSARY OF ACADEMIC TERMS**

#### ACADEMIC LOAD

Fulltime status is 12 units per semester. Students planning to graduate in four years need to carry an average of 15 units per semester.

### ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students falling below a 2.0 GPA in either the campus or cumulative GPA will be placed on academic probation.

### ACADEMIC DISQUALIFICATION

Students on academic probation who fail to make satisfactory progress are subject to academic disqualification. Disqualified students are no longer eligible to enroll in CSUMB courses.

### BACCALAUREATE DEGREE (B.A. or B.S.)

A degree awarded by a four-year college or university.

### **CLASS STANDING**

Undergraduate students are classified as the following:

Freshman (0 - 29 units) Sophomore (30 - 59 units)

Junior (60 - 89 units) Senior (90 + units)

### CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

Students may be considered continuously enrolled in the university so long as the absence from the university does not exceed one semester.

### **CO-REQUISITE**

A set of courses that must be completed in the same semester.

### COURSE NUMBERING

Remedial courses: 0 - 99 Lower division: 100 - 299 Upper division: 300 - 499 Graduate level: 500 - 699

#### DROP/ADD

Schedule changes made after the start of semester.

### GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)

Courses which allow CSUMB students to fulfill the general education requirements articulated by the state and CSU system. See online catalog for listing of GE requirements.

### GRADUATION WRITING ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT (GWAR)

Students are required to demonstrate upper-division level competence in written communication. This should be taken in the first semester of junior year.

### GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

The average of all earned grades attempted at CSUMB and transferred from other colleges. GPA is computed by dividing the total number of grade points by the total number of graded units attempted.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students are responsible for knowing all graduation requirements which include GEs, MLOs and university requirements.

### INCOMPLETE

An incomplete is a temporary grade used when a student is unable to complete work assignments during the semester. This is an agreement between the instructor of the course and the student. Requirements must be completed within one year.

### MAJOR LEARNING OUTCOMES (MLO)

Outcomes that must be met to complete the requirements of your major program of study.

### **PREREQUISITE**

A course that must be completed prior to enrolling in another course.

#### **SYLLABUS**

A course outline of assignments, grading policy, course objectives and required textbooks for a course.

#### TRANSCRIPT

An official copy of a student's academic record. Transcripts are available through the Campus Service Center.

### UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

An unofficial copy of a student's academic record. This document includes work in progress and can be accessed through your CMS account.

### UPPER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION (UDGE)

Nine units of General Education must be upper division and must be taken after a student has reached junior standing.



"The Academic and Career Advising office has given me a better understanding of appropriate classes to take and how to effectively write a resume."

- Lindsey Dole, Class of 2013, Business Administration

## **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

W	hat are the answers to the following?						
1.	Lower-division courses are numbered to						
2.	Upper-division courses are numbered to						
3.	How many upper-division GE units are required for graduation?						
4.	How many total GE units are required for graduation?						
5.	Upper division GE courses taken as a freshman or sophomore do not count toward the upper division GE requirement.    True    False						
6.	What is a GE?						
7.	. When should you take GWAR?						
8.	. How many units are recommended per semester?						
9.	9. What is the minimum number of units required to graduate?						
10	. You become a junior when you earnunits.						
Bonus Questions							
1.	Which course would a student complete first: A1: Oral and Written Communication or GWAR?						
2.	Where can you find a list of approved GE courses?						

"I have been working as a student assistant on campus since my freshman year and Academic and Career Advising has been the best. Because of them, I found my passion for psychology and I am graduating in four years."

- Jeremy Allred, Class of 2013, Psychology



### **CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

### Mission Statement

The Center for Student Success is committed to the academic, personal and social success of all students.

## **Learning Outcomes**

As a result of working with us, students will:

- Improve their knowledge of campus resources.
- Be more willing to use campus resources.
- Have a greater understanding of their academic strengths and challenges.
- Achieve academic and personal goals that contribute towards their success.

### Services

- Individual academic coaching (self-assessment, goal setting, study skills)
- Academic success workshops (see below for examples)
- Online workshops available 24/7

## Examples of Workshops

- The Anti-Procrastination Plan
- Scholarship Central
- Professionalize Your Image
- Become a "Muscle" Reader
- Career Change & Resiliency
- Welcome to Finals (De-stress Event)

## Incentive Programs

- Attend three workshops and be entered in an opportunity drawing for a \$100 gift card to the bookstore.
- Scholarship opportunities may be available. (Ask us!)

The Center for Student Success is open to all students!



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